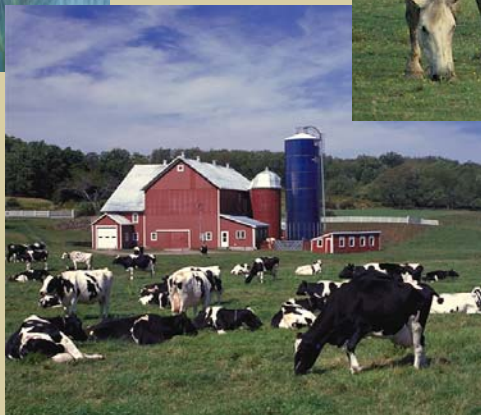
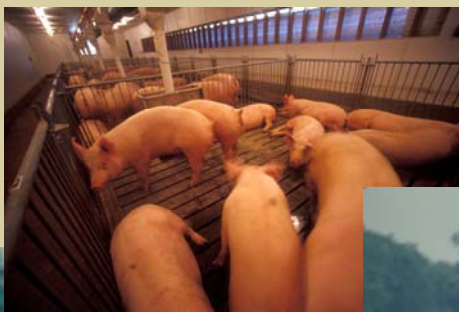


Tennessee's Premises Identification System:

How To Complete a Premises Registration Form, Glossary of Terms, and Frequently Asked Questions



**Our animals. Our livelihood. Our future.
Let's work together to make National Animal ID work for all of us.**

How to complete a Premises Registration Form

Premises Account Information

List landowners of all premises being registered under one Premises Identification Number. If leasing a premises, permission of the landowner must be obtained prior to registration. See Frequently Asked Questions section regarding registration of multiple premises.



Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Regulatory Services, Animal Health National Animal Identification System Tennessee Premises Registration Form

Premises Account Information:

Please Print Legibly

Landowner(s): _____
(Must have permission from landowner to register his/her premises)

Primary contact (farm operator):* _____
(*if different from landowner) First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Business name/Farm name: _____

List name of farm or name of business under which the farm is operated or Primary Contact's first and last name.

List person who has responsibility for animals on the premises and would be contacted by animal health officials in the event of a disease traceback.

List second person who could be contacted regarding animals on premises if primary contact could not be reached.

Secondary /Additional contact _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Account/Farm mailing address:* _____
(*P. O. Box allowed here)

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ - _____ **County:** _____

Primary Contact Phone:() _____ () _____ () _____ () _____
Home Office Cell Fax

E-Mail address: _____
(Confirmation of premises registration can be sent to your email address)

Secondary Contact Phone:() _____ () _____ () _____ () _____
Home Office Cell Fax

E-Mail address: _____

Provide as many contact numbers for primary and secondary contacts as possible. Email addresses not required field. Primary contact's email address is used to send confirmation of registration. A letter will also be mailed to primary contact.

Address where correspondence will be mailed for premises.
Post Office (P.O.) Box and Rural Routes are acceptable.

How to complete a Premises Registration Form *continued*

Premises Address and Description Information

If the premises' physical address is different from the mailing address given, enter that address here. This address must be a physical address which can be validated by Postal Service or E911 system databases. See Frequently Asked Questions section regarding how to register a premises which does not have a physical address.

If the premises location is different from the address given above, please give that address below. The premises address must be a physical address—NOT A POST OFFICE BOX.

Main Premises Physical Address/Location: _____

(A premises is the location where the animals reside)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____ County: _____

Please fill out another form if you have additional locations on which animals residing there are managed separately from this premises and not brought together

Please list all farms below where the animals are brought together with those on the main premises

Premises description or business/farm name: _____

GPS Coordinates:* Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

(*Required if no physical address is given. Please consult your local Farm Service Agency or the Tenn. Dept. of Agriculture.)

GPS coordinates are only needed if registering a premises which does not have a physical address. See Frequently Asked Questions section regarding how to register a premises which does not have a physical address.

Prefer description of all premises being registered under one Premises Identification Number, examples: Main Farm or Jones Farm. Can be business/farm name.

See Frequently Asked Questions section regarding registration of multiple premises.

Select all the different types of operations on this premises and the premises under this Premises Identification Number. See Glossary of Terms for description of each type.

Premises Type: * _____
(*check all that apply) _____
_____ Producer unit/farm _____ Clinic _____ Exhibition _____ Laboratory
_____ Market/collection point _____ Non-producer participant _____ Port of entry
_____ Quarantine facility _____ Rendering _____ Slaughter plant _____ Tagging site

Species at Premises: * _____
(*check all that apply) _____
_____ Dairy cattle _____ Beef cattle _____ Bison _____ Swine _____ Sheep _____ Goats _____ Horses
_____ Poultry _____ Deer or elk _____ Llama _____ Emu _____ Other _____

Owner/Owner Representative Signature: _____

Signature authorizes agent to input all available data to acquire a premises number (representative's signature implies owner permission)

Signing this document implies consent of landowner(s) to register his/her premises.

Select all species on this premises and the premises under this Premises Identification Number.

How to complete a Premises Registration Form *continued*

Authorized Agent and Contact Information

If available, list FSA farm numbers for all tracts of land being registered under this Premises Identification Number. If farms are in other counties, list county name then farm number(s).

Authorized agents are those authorized to enter registration data into the state's premises registration system via the internet.

~~Signature authorizes agent to input an available data to acquire a premises number representative signature implies ownership permission~~
Authorized Agent (to be completed by authorized agents only)

Local FSA, list farm numbers that are linked to the main premises: _____

Agent Name: _____ Agent Organization: _____

User ID# _____ Password _____ PIN _____

(Contact information will not be given out by NAIS or TDA without your prior written consent)

Forms may be returned to:

Your local Farm Service Agency Office
(go to www.fsa.usda.gov/tn/
or check phone directory
for your local listings)
AG - 0616

or Tennessee Department of Agriculture
ATTN: Premises Registration
P. O. Box 40627
Nashville, TN 37204
www.state.tn.us/agriculture/tpis

For questions, please contact:

Dr. Charles Hatcher
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Completed forms may be returned to:

- 1— Local Farm Service Agency office
- 2— Tennessee Department of Agriculture
- 3— Tennessee Farm Bureau, Columbia office
P.O. Box 313
Hwy 412 East
Columbia, TN 38402-0313
- 4— Tennessee Farmers Cooperative, La Vergne office
Rock Springs Road
La Vergne, TN 37086

User ID and passwords will be assigned and entered by the authorized agent entering the data on the web.

Authorized agent entering data on the web will enter their information.

For questions, contact Dr. Charles Hatcher, State Animal Identification Coordinator.

Glossary of Terms

National Animal Identification System (NAIS)

A national program intended to identify all agricultural animals and track them as they come into contact with, or are intermixed with, animals other than herdmates from their premises of origin

Premises

Any geographically unique location in which agricultural animals are raised, held, or boarded
examples: farms, ranches, feedyards, auction barns, livestock exhibitions and fair sites

Premises Identification Number

A unique 7-character alphanumeric identification for each registered premises or group of premises registered as one due to animals being managed together on the multiple premises

Primary (Main) Premises

Premises considered headquarters if multiple farms/premises are used in operation

Landowner

Current owner of property with all the legal rights and responsibilities thereof

Primary Contact

Person with responsibility of the animals' health and whom the animal health official is to communicate with when performing a traceback

Business name / Farm name

Name of business operating the farm or name of farm consisting of primary premises

Secondary Contact

Person who could be contacted regarding animals if primary contact could not be reached

Account/Farm Mailing Address

Address where correspondence will be mailed for premises, P.O. Box and Rural Route are acceptable

Main Premises Physical Address/Location

Physical address of primary premises which can be validated by U.S. Postal Service or E911 databases

Premises Description

Name/term used to describe premises location
examples: Main farm, Jones Farm, West Operation

Premises Type

Type of operation on premises at time of registration

Producer Unit/Farm

Farm, ranch, backgrounding facility, feedlot, boarding facility, etc.

Clinic

Location where animals are treated for disease or injury

Exhibition

Animal show or exhibition - County and State Fairs, National Show, etc.

Glossary of Terms *continued*

Laboratory

Location where animals are terminated and carcasses examined

Market/Collection Point

Livestock market/auction or collection point where animals are bought and sold

Non-producer Participant

Organization that records animal information and has no association with the animals examples: DHIA, Veterinarian, etc.

Port of Entry

Location where animals are allowed to enter into the U.S.

Quarantine Facility

Location where diseased animals are quarantined

Rendering

Location where animals that died at the farm or in transit are processed

Slaughter Plant

Location where animals are terminated for consumption

Tagging Site

Location where animals are tagged with an official USDA approved ID device

Species Type

Types of agricultural animals on premises at time of registration

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the National Animal Identification System (NAIS)?

The NAIS is a system of identifying all premises and animals involved in animal agriculture production and tracking them through the production chain for disease traceback ability. The goal of the NAIS is to have the capability to identify all animals and premises that had direct contact with a foreign animal disease within 48 hours of discovery.

How much does it cost to have my premises registered?

At this time, there is no cost for registering a premises through the state system

Can I register my premises online?

At this time, online registration is not available for producers to register their own premises; however, this may be an option in the future. The registration form is currently available for download at the state's premises identification site <http://state.tn.us/agriculture/tpis>

What animals are considered to be livestock for this program?

Cattle, bison, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, equine, deer, elk, llama, emu

Is this a mandatory program?

The NAIS is a voluntary program being implemented by USDA with input from states and industry led working groups.

Frequently Asked Questions *continued*

How do I register a premises that does not have a physical address?

Your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office can assist you in completing the additional forms which are required in registering a premises which does not have a physical address. When completing the form you will need driving directions to the premises from a main intersection. When providing the driving directions, use directional indicators (East, West, South, and North), give number of miles from turns, and indicate on which side of road premises is located. You will also need the GPS coordinates for the premises in decimal degrees format. FSA can assist in obtaining these coordinates.

What if I lease a farm?

If you lease a premises and want to register it, you will need the permission of the landowner to do so. Verbal permission is sufficient.

Do I need multiple premises identification numbers if I operate on more than one premises?

If you have animals on multiple premises and all or part of the animals are moved between the premises, such as holding the bulls on one premises until they are moved to another premises for the breeding season, you can register all the premises under one premises identification number. Use the physical address for the main premises when registering.

Do I have to register a premises separately if it is located in a different county than my main premises?

You do not have to register a premises under a different premises identification number if it is in another county from your main premises. When completing the form, if available, list the Farm Service Agency farm numbers for each premises and indicate in which county they are located.

Will the information I share about my premises and animals be kept confidential?

Under Tennessee law, information gathered for Homeland Security purposes, such as for NAIS, is to be kept confidential. Federal legislation is being developed to further ensure information gathered for NAIS will be kept confidential.

Will other government agencies such as the IRS be able to access the data I provide?

The information provided for the NAIS, including data about your premises, will only be used for disease tracking purposes and will not be available to other government agencies for use.

Will this system increase my liability?

If animals are managed according to generally accepted management practices, such as following Beef Quality Assurance guidelines, and all health/management products are given according to label instructions and documented, liability should be zero.

Does this system require me to individually identify or tag my animals?

No, you do not have to individually identify or tag your animals at this time. If the system becomes mandatory, animals will have to be identified when they enter commerce, that is, when they leave the herd of origin.

What type of tag will be used for identifying my animals?

Cattle will likely be identified using a radio frequency tag while other animals such as goats, sheep, and horses will likely be identified using a radio frequency implant. Both the tag and implant include only a 15-digit identification number for that animal. The tags and implants will not include the premises identification number for the animal's premises of origin.

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